

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By this amendment, claim 42 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 59-224 were canceled by previous amendment. Thus, claims 2-41 and 43-58 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 2-41 and 43-58 recite allowable subject matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartrick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,532,920, hereinafter "Hartrick") in view of Wolfe (U.S. Patent No. 4,796,220). In view of the above cancellation of claim 42, the Applicants submit that the rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

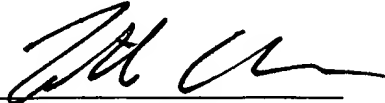
In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 2-41 and 43-58, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026880-00024.

Respectfully submitted,

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